

# Australia takes on energy-guzzling TVs

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A report for the Australian government recommends new energy efficiency standards for televisions that would ban most plasma models now available.

The report was prepared by Digital Cenergy, a private consulting firm, for the Australian Greenhouse Office, The Sydney Morning Herald reports. The government's Equipment Energy Efficiency Committee found this year that televisions are becoming major power consumers as Australians acquire more plasma and LCD models.

Digital Cenergy tested 116 television sets including more than 20 plasma models. It found only four of the plasma sets would meet good standards of energy efficiency.

The report also recommends star ratings for energy efficiency that would be posted on new sets.

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